firm orders of saleable steel are under various stages of execution as on 1-12-1993.

(c) Yes, Sir. The modernisation of Durgapur, Rourkela and Bokaro Steel Plants have already been approved by Government of India and the implementation is in progress. The approved cost and the actual expenditure till November, 1993 on modernisation of the above plants are given plant-wise hereunder:—

(Rs. Crores)

| Plant | Approved Cost | Expenditure till November, 1993 |
|---|---|---|
| Durgapur Steel Plant . . . . . | 2667* | 3179 |
| Raurkela Steel Plant . . . . . | 3954 | 850 |
| Bokaro Steel Plant. . . . . | 1626 | 8 |

*Revised cost estimates of DSP modernisation is likely to be Rs. 3897 crores.

Durgapur Steel Plant modernisation is under implementation through 16 turn-key packages (global and indigenous). 5 packages have been fully commissioned and the balance packages are in various stages of completion and are expected to be commissioned progressively by Jnne, 1995.

Rourkela Steel Plant modernisation is being executed in two phases. Phase-I is likely to be completed by March 1994 while Phase-II is scheduled to be completed in December, 1995.

Bokaro Steel Plant modernisation was sanctioned by the Government in July, 1993. Preparatory works for the project have been completed and selection of agencies for implementation of the packages are at an advanced stage.

**Signig of MOU by Sail with U.S. Firm**

2217. **MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:** Will the Miister of STEEL be pleased ed to state:

(a) whether the Steel Authority of India Limited have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with a U.S firm for the formation of a joint venture company; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) SAIL proposes to float a Joint Venture Company with M|s. USX Engineers & Consultant (UEC), a company incorporated in USA. A Memorandum of Understanding has been reached between SAIL and UEC for floating of a Joint Venture Commpany for carrying out information Technology Services in India and abroad. The proposed Company will have an authorised share capital of Rs. 100 lakhs with proposed equity participttition between SAIL and UEC in the ratio of 40:60.

**Profits Earned by SAIL**

2218. **MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:** Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) have earned huge profits during the current financial year; and

(b) if so, the details therof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) The profits, before tax earned by Steel Authority of India Limited during the current financial year and in the last financial year are given below:—

| Year | Profit (Rs./Crores) |
|---|---|
| 1992-93 | 423.40 |
| 1992-93 (April to Sept., 1992) (Udaudited) | 52.76 |
| 1993-94 (April to Sept., 1993) Unaudited) | 62.47 |

**Production of Blast Furnance in Rourkela Steel Plan**

2219. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of blast furnace has come down to below 50 percent during the last few months at Rourkela Steel Plant, Rourkela;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the rain water entered into blast furnaces No. 4. Due to the blast furnaces No. 4 and due to this no flushing system (Bypass system) could work and the production was stopped;

(c) whether it is also a fact that again in the rainy season water entered into rolling mill and production stopped resulting in loss of production and By-pass system was out of order; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV). (a) No, Sir.

(b) The rain water did not enter into blast furnace No. 4. Due to the unprecedented heavy rains on 14-8-1993, the skip pits of blast furnaces were filled with water. The charging of the blast furnace No. 4. had to be suspended and the furnace was shut down. The furnace was re-started the next day after dewatering the skip pits.

(c) Due to the unprecedented heavy rains on 14.8.1993 water also entered into some of the underground cellars of the Rolling Mills and Sinter Pit of Hot Strip Mill. Consequently the production suffered in part of the Rolling Mills.

(d) The rain fall of 370 mm in the first three and a half hours was unprecedented in nature. The drainage system of the plant could not cope up with the heavy inflow of rain water since the same could not be discharged into the feeder drain as it was overflowing on account of the torrential rains. As a result, rain water started entering the underground locations. Pumps were pressed into service for dewatering, but their functioning was severely hampered on account of two successive power failures in Orissa State Electricity Baord (OSEB) Grid.

**भारतीय इस्पात प्राधिकरण लिमिटेड (सेल) के इस्पात संयंत्रों का वार्षिक बजट**

2220. श्री गया सिंह : क्या इस्पात मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भारतीय इस्पात प्राधिकरण लिमिटेड के विभिन्न इस्पात संयंत्रों तथा उनकी कैप्टिव खानों के अगल-बगल स्थित गांवों के विकास के लिये शिक्षा, पेय जल, रोजगार आदि उपलब्ध कराने के लिये अलग-अलग इस्पात संयंत्र तथा कैप्टिव खान का वार्षिक बजट कितना है, और उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ख) कुटेश्वर स्थित खानों के अगल-बगल स्थित गांवों के विकास के लिये कुल बजट आवंटन कितना है ?

इस्पात मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री संतोष मोहन देव) : (क) वर्ष 1993-94 के लिये बाह्य विकास जिसमें परिवार नियोजन विशेष अभियान तथा अंशदान/दान आदि भी शामिल है, के लिये "सेल" के इस्पात संयंत्रों/इकाइयों का वार्षिक बजट 300 लाख रूपये है।